

Education, Children and Families Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 6 June 2023

Gaelic Implementation Steering Group

Executive/routine Executive
Wards
Council Commitments

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To agree to transfer ownership of the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group from the Education, Children and Families Committee to the Policy and Sustainability Committee.

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Report

Gaelic Implementation Steering Group

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Policy and Sustainability Committee on 23 May 2023 agreed to transfer ownership of the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group from the Education, Children and Families Committee to the Policy and Sustainability Committee. This report seeks the approval of the Education, Children and Families Committee to this change.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Gaelic Implementation Steering Group was established by the Education, Children and Families Committee and was most recently reappointed on 15 November 2022.

4. Main report

- 4.1 A report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 23 May 2023 (Appendix 1) recommended that ownership of the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group be transferred from the Education, Children and Families Committee to the Policy and Sustainability Committee.
- 4.2 The decision of committee was as follows:
- 1) To agree to transfer ownership of the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group from the Education, Children and Families Committee to the Policy and Sustainability Committee.
 - 2) To agree the membership of the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group as set out in appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, with the following changes:
 - a) Remove "1 Labour Member", insert "Council Leader";
 - b) The group will be convened by the Council Leader;
 - c) Any elected member may appoint a substitute from within their political group;
 - d) All other membership is as set out in Appendix 1;

- 4.3 As the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group currently sits under the Education, Children and Families Committee, the decision of the Policy and Sustainability Committee requires the approval of this committee.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Requested changes to the membership will be made and reporting will be submitted to the Education, Children and Families Committee.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 There is no direct impact on stakeholders caused by the transfer of ownership.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 [Policy and Sustainability Committee of 23 May 2023 – Webcast](#)
- 8.2 [Appointments to the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group 2022/23](#) – Report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services – 15 November 2022
- 8.3 [Minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee of 15 November 2022](#)
- 8.4 [Edinburgh Gaelic Language Plan 2018-22](#)
- 8.5 [Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions](#)

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Gaelic Implementation Steering Group – Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 23 May 2023

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Executive/routine Executive
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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To agree to transfer ownership of the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group from the Education, Children and Families Committee to the Policy and Sustainability Committee.
- 1.2 To consider the membership of the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group.
- 1.3 To refer this report to the Education, Children and Families Committee for joint approval.

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Report

Gaelic Implementation Steering Group

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report recommends that ownership of the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group is transferred from the Education, Children and Families Committee to the Policy and Sustainability Committee, to bring oversight in line with that of the Gaelic Language Plan.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Gaelic Implementation Steering Group was established by the Education, Children and Families Committee and was most recently reappointed on 15 November 2022.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The Gaelic Implementation Steering Group was established in 2016 by the Education, Children and Families Committee and was most recently reappointed on 15 November 2022.
- 4.2 The current remit is:
- 1) To support the implementation of Edinburgh's current Gaelic Language Plan (2018-2022) by:
 - overseeing and providing constructive support and challenge to progress
 - contributing to discussions on the prioritisation of next steps
 - 2) To support the production of annual progress reports.
 - 3) To support the development of future Gaelic Language Plans.
- 4.3 Reporting on the Gaelic Language Plan is via the Policy and Sustainability Committee, so it is proposed to bring ownership of the Steering Group in line with this so that the Steering Group can report to the same committee that receives progress updates on the Gaelic Language Plan.
- 4.4 It is not proposed to make any changes to the membership, structure or remit (appendix 1).

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Agreement is required by both committees, so this report will be referred to the Education, Children and Families Committee for joint approval.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 There is no direct impact on stakeholders caused by the transfer of ownership.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 [Appointments to the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group 2022/23](#) – Report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services – 15 November 2022
- 8.2 [Minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee of 15 November 2022](#)
- 8.3 [Edinburgh Gaelic Language Plan 2018-22](#)
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9. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Gaelic Implementation Steering Group – Membership and Remit

Gaelic Implementation Steering Group

Membership

7 elected members

(Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee and 2 SNP members, 1 Labour member, 1 SLD member, 1 Green member, 1 Conservative member)

Councillor Joan Griffiths (Convener)	Councillor Scott Arthur
Councillor David Key	Councillor Louise Young
Councillor Lesley Macinnes	Councillor Chas Booth
	Councillor Tim Jones

City of Edinburgh Council Officer Support

- Education Senior Manager (early years, primary, secondary)
- Gaelic Officer
- Corporate Gaelic Development Officer
- Policy Unit
- Communications

Other Members

- Young persons' representative
- Parent/Carer representatives (James Gillespie's High School, Croileagan, Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce and Comann nam Pàrant)
- Head Teacher from Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce
- Head Teacher from James Gillespie's High School
- 1 community representative

Partner Organisations

- Òganan
- Scottish Government
- Bòrd na Gàidhlig
- Higher Education – Edinburgh University

1 Remit

1.1 To support the implementation of Edinburgh's current Gaelic Language Plan (2018-2022) by:

- overseeing and providing constructive support and challenge to progress
- contributing to discussions on the prioritisation of next steps

1.2 To support the production of annual progress reports.

1.3 To support the development of future Gaelic Language Plans.

2 Meeting structure

2.1 The Group will meet on a quarterly basis and meetings will be themed to ensure effective focus and scrutiny of progress across all three major areas of the Plan in the course of a year:

- Education
- Arts, culture and economy
- Corporate

Last Met: 24 April 2023

Expected completion date: to be reviewed by end of 2024